REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 December 1999
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Christchurch
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	DIA Exhibit #29
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled computer printout also known as *DIA Exhibit #29* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication comprises an A4 sheet of white paper containing four photographic images in sepia tonings. The subjects are all naked boys and vary in age from about 12 years to mid-teens. Various devices used in producing these images serve to eroticise the nudity of the subjects, including the location in which the images are taken, body positioning and lighting.

The computer printout is classified as objectionable due to the extent to which, and the manner in which, the images exploit the nudity of children and young persons. Given the characteristics of the publication, the Classification Office considers that the main purpose of the computer printout is the titillation or sexual arousal of adults with a sexual interest in children and young persons.

Referring to the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the limit on the freedom of expression resulting from this classification is considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justified, given the objective of preventing harm to the public. A less restrictive classification, such as making the publication available only to adults, would not mitigate the exploitation of children and young persons' nudity for the apparent purpose of gratifying adults who are titillated or stimulated by such images.

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